

REMARKS

In a communication dated October 6, 2003 the Examiner indicated that the amendment to the claims filed 1/7/2002 (aka the amendment mailed 11/5/2001) did not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because a marked up copy of amended claims 1, 4 and 5 was not submitted.

In response, Applicants note that claims 1, 4 and 5 were not amended in the amendment to the claims filed 1/7/2002. Instead claims 1, 4 and 5 (and 7) were amended in a response to the restriction requirement that was filed on February 22, 2001. Because the response to the restriction requirement that was filed on February 22, 2001 did include a marked up copy of claims 1, 4 and 5 (and 7), this February 22, 2001 Amendment did comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c). Applicants further note that because the amendment to the claims filed 1/7/2002 did include a marked up copy of claims 7 and 9 (the two claims that were amended in this filing), this Amendment also complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c).

However, in hopes that it will further the prosecution of the instant Application, Applicants provide herein a second marked up copy of amended claims 1, 4 and 5 and request entry of these Amendments as first submitted in the response to the restriction requirement that was filed on February 22, 2001. The copy of amended claims 1, 4 and 5 that is submitted herein follows the post July 30, 2003 format for submission of claims amendments under 37 CFR 1.121(c).

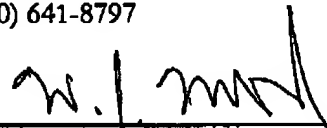
It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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